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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,7,9,13 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,6,8,10-12,14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13, 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirono (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,958).

Regarding claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13, 16, Hirono discloses a navigation apparatus comprising a storage device (See Fig. 2, #22, 23) in which first data and second data that are different type of data from the first data are stored; and a control device (Fig. 5, # 42) that controls road guidance including map display (output display; # 45 in Fig. 5) by using the first data and the second data, wherein: the control device updates the first data and the second data (See col. 9, lines 15-31, 45-55; col.10, lines 37-49) but fails to specifically disclose that the first data is updated in a first update unit and the second data is updated in a second update unit. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Hirono by having a first and a second update unit for updating the first data and the second data in order to have the most recent date and time data.

Allowable Subject Matter

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Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-15, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art fails to disclose the first update unit represents a predetermined map range and the second update unit represents a range greater than the predetermined map range.

Claims 17-18 are allowed. The prior art fails to disclose the first update unit represents a predetermined map range and the second update unit represents a range greater than the predetermined map range; nor does it disclose displaying an update range specification screen in which an update range over which at least either the first data or the second data re to be updated is specified;

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Odom (U.S. Patent No. 7,034,791)

Kusama (U.S. Pub No. 20020013659)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GERTRUDE ARTHUR JEANGLAUD whose telephone number is (571)272-6954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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